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Dear Sir:

The Applicant and those individuals involved in the preparation and/or prosecution of the above-identified Application have become aware of the following references which the Examiner may consider material to the patentability of the above-identified Application:

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3,410,618

Harris et al

11/12/1968

The relevance of the reference is discussed in the enclosed Communication in German in the corresponding European Patent Application. Also enclosed is an English-language translation of the relevant parts of the Communication as it relates to the above reference, and which satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation.

One PTO/SB/08A Form is also enclosed, which lists the above reference. It is requested that the Examiner initial this Form and return a copy thereof to the undersigned.

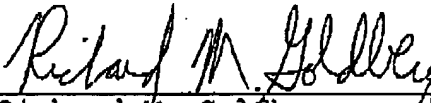
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Accordingly, under 37 C.F.R. 1.97, no fee is required for this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is requested that the above-identified reference be made  
of record in the present Application.

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